

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178, THE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

MAY 15, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 435]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 435, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 178, the “Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 1997” under a modified closed rule. The rule provides for no further general debate and the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments designated in section 2 of the resolution which may be offered only in the order designated, may be offered only by the Member designated or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments designated in section 2 of the resolution.

The rule provides that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment.

The rule also provides that after the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, there will be 40 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except amendments offered by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to achieve mathematical consistency.

The amendments in the nature of a substitute that are made in order are: (1) an amendment to be offered by Representative Payne of New Jersey, or a designee (2) an amendment to be offered by Representative Orton of Utah, or a designee and (3) an amendment to be offered by Representative Sabo of Minnesota, or which may be offered by any Member, or which shall be considered as pending.

The concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question of its adoption.

The resolution further provides that if House Concurrent Resolution 178 is agreed to, allocations of spending and credit responsibilities in House Report 104-575 shall be considered as the allocations otherwise required by section 602(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. However, upon adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget, this shall cease to apply.

Finally, the rule provides that rule XLIX (establishment of statutory limit on the public debt) shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(2)(B) of House rule XI the results of each rollcall vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Rollcall No. 315

Date: May 15, 1997.

Measure: House Concurrent Resolution 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Strike the provisions in the rule permitting any Member to offer Representative Sabo's substitute amendment, or failing that, to consider it as pending.

Results: Rejected 4 to 8.

Vote by Members: Quillen—Nay; Dreier—Nay; Goss—Nay; Linder—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; Greene—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Beilenson—Yea; Frost—Yea; Hall—Yea; Solomon—Nay.